



## BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

**September 24, 2003**

San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100

San Diego, CA 92123-4340

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

### AGENDA

1. **Welcome and Introductions** (Mary Nichols, California Resources Agency, Co-chair WRP Governing Board) 9:30-10:00
2. **WRP Work Plan** (Rick Rayburn, California Department of Parks and Recreation, Wetlands Managers Group Chair; and Trish Chapman, Coastal Conservancy, WRP Project Manager). 10:00-1:45 (with approx. 45 minute lunch break\*)
  - A. Summary of accomplishments
  - B. Review of Work Plan purpose and annual update process
  - C. Status reports on high priority projects and resource areas
  - D. Recommended additions to Work Plan
    - Proposed Southern California Creek Daylighting Program (Presentation by Jessica Hall of North East Trees, followed by a Board discussion on the appropriate role for the WRP in regards to creek daylighting)
  - E. Implementation strategy, including financial report (Board discussion focusing on responding to anticipated changes in availability of State resources.)

*Action Item: Approve Updated Work Plan*

3. **Habitat Value of Natural and Constructed Wetlands Used to Treat Urban Runoff** (Martha Sutula, Southern California Coastal Water Research Project, Member of Science Advisory Panel) 1:45-2:15

The idea of creating or restoring wetlands to treat urban runoff has recently gained popularity, raising questions about the technical feasibility and compatibility of providing both water quality improvements and high quality wildlife habitat in wetlands. In response, the Coastal Conservancy commissioned the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project to provide a scientifically credible baseline of information from which we may begin to address these questions. Martha Sutula will summarize the report's findings and recommendations, and outline plans for agency coordination and public outreach on this issue.

*\*Lunch will be provided at the meeting. A lunch order form will be distributed with the finalized agenda.*

4. **Regional Monitoring Program** (Martha Sutula) 2:15-2:45

The Science Advisory Panel is working to develop a comprehensive monitoring program for the WRP that will integrate monitoring from the project-specific to the landscape level. In coordination with the Managers Group, the SAP has developed a draft list of management questions to be addressed by a monitoring program. These will be presented to the Governing Board for discussion.

One component of the Regional Monitoring Program will be a statewide rapid assessment tool (CRAM), currently under development. The SAP is heading up Southern California's participation in development of this tool.

5. **Science Advisory Panel Membership** (Steve Weisberg, Southern California Coastal Water Research Project, Chair of Science Advisory Panel) 2:45-3:00

The Wetlands Managers Group and the Science Advisory Panel recommend adding three new members to the SAP: Richard Zembal, John Dixon, and Martha Sutula.

*Action Item: Approve addition of three new members to SAP.*

6. **Wrap up** 3:15-3:30

- WRP Symposium Announcement
- Follow-up assignments for Managers Group, Science Panel
- Agenda items for next meeting

**Attachments, listed by agenda Item:**

2. WRP Work Plan Report:
- a. Highlights from 2002-2003 Work Plan Activities
  - b. 2003-2004 Work Plan Summary
  - c. Implementation Strategy

Attachments

1. List of completed projects
  2. Funding Spent/Committed to Date
  3. Guidelines for Tier 1, Tier 2, and Project Incubator
  4. Work Plan project descriptions and status reports
  5. 2003 Project Evaluation and Selection (bound separately)
3. Summary of findings and recommendations from *Habitat Value of Natural and Constructed Wetlands Used to Treat Urban Runoff: A Literature Review*.
4. Science Advisory Panel Update.
5. WMG Report on Science Advisory Panel membership, with resumes of proposed new members.

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**San Diego**

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